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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Mr. Streibert's Briefing of the President and the Cabinet, Friday, 8 June 1956.

1. This afternoon I attended a dry run of the presentation Mr. Streibert will make to the President and the Cabinet at 0900 hours on 8 June in the Cabinet Room.
2. In about 45 minutes Mr. Streibert outlines "what the US is doing in the ideological struggle." His talk touches briefly on all the major USIA programs. It is interlarded with film clips--one about the President's Open Skies proposal, one about the anti-communist training program in Thailand, and a very good documentary about Soviet domination of Latvia. Mr. Streibert also interrupts his remarks to demonstrate the Sarnoff hand-operated phonograph, commenting that this may become one of USIA's major mechanisms for getting the American voice heard abroad.
3. Toward the end of his presentation Mr. Streibert says that his objective is to create a greater awareness in the executive departments that most US domestic actions (such as the raid on the Daily Worker plant) have some impact abroad, and that their potential foreign impact should be considered before the activities are undertaken.
4. I do not think that the DCI will find anything very novel in Mr. Streibert's talk.
5. In the discussion after the dry run Mr. Streibert commented that Abbott Washburn will follow him in the session Friday with a 5-minute presentation of the President's "People to People" program. This may be of more interest to the DCI, because of his participation in the ~~21~~ June Conference at the White House on this subject.

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EA/DCI, [redacted]

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[redacted] asked me to be prepared to brief the Director before Friday on what Mr. Strideport will say. Now that I've heard the dry run I honestly don't believe a briefing is necessary, and I recommend that this memo substitute. Let me know if it is not adequate.

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